

METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

4:05 P.M.

Third Floor, City Hall

Present: Chairman: CM Flood
Vice Chair: CM Peden (4:09pm)
Members: CW Woolridge (4:12pm), CM Downard, CM Stuckel & CM Blackwell

Absent: CW Ward-Pugh (excused absence)

Also Present: CM B. Ackerson, CM Henderson & CW Welch

Chairwoman Flood began the meeting by introducing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

Pending Legislation

R-68-04-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF A BOAT FROM LARRY B. FRANKLIN VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$80,000 TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Public Safety
Primary Sponsor: David Tandy

Motion to approve made by Glen Stuckel and seconded by Rick Blackwell

Discussion: Lt. Col Troy Riggs, Louisville Metro Police Department, stated the donation would be an additional vessel for the River Unit making the total of 5 patrol vessels. The addition would help to cut down on maintenance costs on other patrol vessels.

By voice vote, the item was sent to the **Consent Calendar**.

R-70-04-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A STATE GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$193,030.00 THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN ORDER TO PROTECT AND SECURE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

Status: In-Committee
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Motion to approve made by and seconded by Rick Blackwell

Discussion: Tracey Neathery, Criminal Justice Commission, stated this was the third time Criminal Justice Commission has received this type of Homeland Security Funding and to be used for the purchase/installation of equipment for security & surveillance in the identified site.

By voice vote, the item was sent to the **Consent Calendar**.

O-63-04-09 AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THAT THE DELIVERY OF UNSOLICITED WRITTEN MATERIALS TO A PREMISES BE PLACED IN A DISTRIBUTION BOX, ON THE FRONT PORCH, SECURELY ATTACHED TO THE FRONT DOOR OR EXTERIOR OF A MAILBOX, OR BETWEEN THE EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR FRONT DOOR.

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Public Safety
Primary Sponsor:
Brent Ackerson
Jon Ackerson
Jim King
Robert Henderson
Marianne Butler
Vicki Welch
Rick Blackwell
James Peden

Motion to approve made by Glen Stuckel and seconded by James Peden

Discussion: CM Brent Ackerson explained the purpose of the proposed legislation. His office has worked with their District Neighborhood Associations and constituents regarding the issue of unsolicited written materials delivery. The following was discussed:

- Limited delivery area
- Littering (visual blight)
 - Sewer back-up/clogs
- Telephone books - on porches (isn't covered under this ordinance);
- How can it be enforced - Code Enforcement
- Vacant property(s) being an issue
- Placement of materials
- Legal Limitations vs. Freedom of Speech
- Penalty
 - Violation to each drop add
- Issue compared to the "yard sign" ordinance

CM Downard requested to be added as an additional sponsor.

The committee agreed to table the item today, have a public hearing for concerned entities, such as the Courier-Journal, interested Neighborhood Associations, and residents. The general goal of this proposed ordinance is intended to reduce litter within several Metro Council Districts.

Motion to table made by James Peden and seconded by Kelly Downard. Without objection, the item was **TABLED.**

Motion to hold a Public Hearing during the next committee meeting was made by Rick Blackwell and seconded by Mary Woolridge. Without objection, the Public Hearing was set for May 19th at 4:00pm.

O-65-04-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (LMCO) CHAPTER 115 "REGULATIONS GOVERNING SPECIFIC BUSINESSES" RELATING TO VENDORS, PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS.

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Public Safety

Primary Sponsor: Madonna Flood

Motion to approve made by James Peden and seconded by Mary Woolridge

Discussion: Terry Geraghty, Jefferson County Attorney's Office, stated she has worked with CW Flood to draft some amendments to the present ordinance in effect. Its intent is to have more instructions and have Inspections, Permits & Licenses (IPL), possibly the Police (LMPD), to have more ability to monitor, as well as having requirements in the application process and better standards for vendors/peddlers to abide by. There are other ordinances on the books that this ordinance would not affect.

They following council members were added to secondary sponsorship: Woolridge, Blackwell, Downard, Peden, Welch, Henderson, Butler, Stuckel

The committee voted on the item.

VOTE - For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

For: Kelly Downard, Glen Stuckel, James Peden, Mary C. Woolridge, Rick Blackwell, Madonna Flood

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: Tina Ward-Pugh

The item was sent to **Consent Calendar**.

Motion to adjourn made by Rick Blackwell, without objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting, May 14, 2009.**

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